(•ending application* for LPG collection; in Chandigarh

1244. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are at present pending for the allotment of LPG connections with M/s. Bhatia Gas Centre, Chandigarh;

(b) whether it is a fact that persons who got themselves registered with the above de'aler during the year 1980 have not yet been sanctioned LPG connections to far; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefore and by when LPG connections are likely to b» sanctioned t_0 these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) 10190 as on June 30, 1986

(b) and (c) Gas connections against the waiting list of M/s. Bhatia Gas Centr$_e$ have been offered in respect of bookings made upt$_0$ October 1980. Release of connections to persons on the waiting list is a continuous process, depending upon augmentation of LPG availability, $_0$f bottling capacity and of other infrastructure facilities j$_n$ the region concerned. Thus connections to persons on the waiting list °f M|s. Bhatia Gas Centre, too will be released in a phased manner.

Sale of ONGC asset, to Indian Shipping Companies

1245. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC proposes to dispose 6f nearly Rs. 180 crore worth of assets to the Indian shipping companies;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; $_a$nd

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT" OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) D$_0$ not arise.

Thermal power plant $_a$t Malabar region

1246. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will th$_e$ Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to set up a thermal power plant at the Malabajr regio$_n$ $_0$f Kerala during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposals for power generation in Rajasthan

1247. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI; Will the Minister $_0$f ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals are pend ing wirn Government for the setting up of power generation plants in the private sector in Rajasthan;

(b) if $_s$o, what are the names of the parties on individuals who hav« 'applied for such licences: and

(c) what are the plans with Government for giving encouragement to the private